



**ELEMENTARY**

MAY 2025

## MONTHLY OVERVIEW

### GOD VIEW:

#### THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INITIATIVE AND GOD'S CHARACTER AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Getting started can sometimes seem like the hardest part of meeting a need. But it actually starts before then. First we have to see the needs around us. Initiative isn't just some practical principle; it's really a spiritual principle that starts with God. God took initiative on our behalf by seeing that our relationship was broken and needed to be fixed. So God sent Jesus to make it right. And because we are made in God's image, we are wired to be able to take initiative and get things done too.

### WEEK ONE

#### BIBLE STORY

God So Loved the World  
John 3:16-17

#### BOTTOM LINE

God took care of our greatest need..

### WEEK TWO

#### BIBLE STORY

Miriam Takes Initiative  
Exodus 2:1-10

#### BOTTOM LINE

Look for ways to help the people you love.

### WEEK THREE

#### BIBLE STORY

Parable of the Talents  
Matthew 25:14-30

#### BOTTOM LINE

Look for ways to use what you've been given.

### WEEK FOUR

#### BIBLE STORY

John's Disciples Follow Jesus  
John 1:35-45

#### BOTTOM LINE

Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.

#### MEMORY VERSE

**"NONE OF YOU SHOULD LOOK OUT JUST FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. EACH OF YOU SHOULD ALSO LOOK OUT FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS."**

PHILIPPIANS 2:4, NIRV

#### INITIATIVE

**SEEING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND DOING IT**